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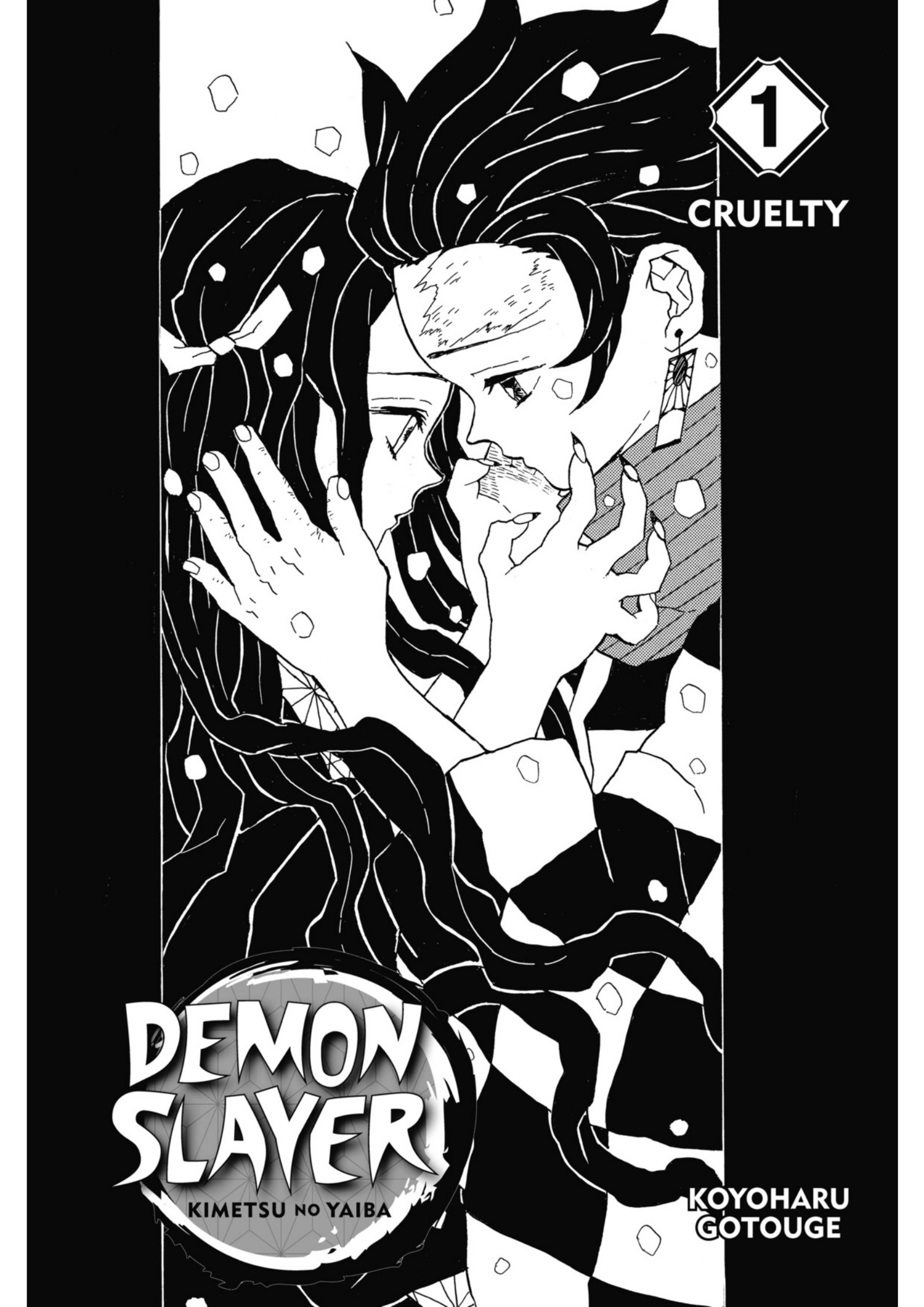
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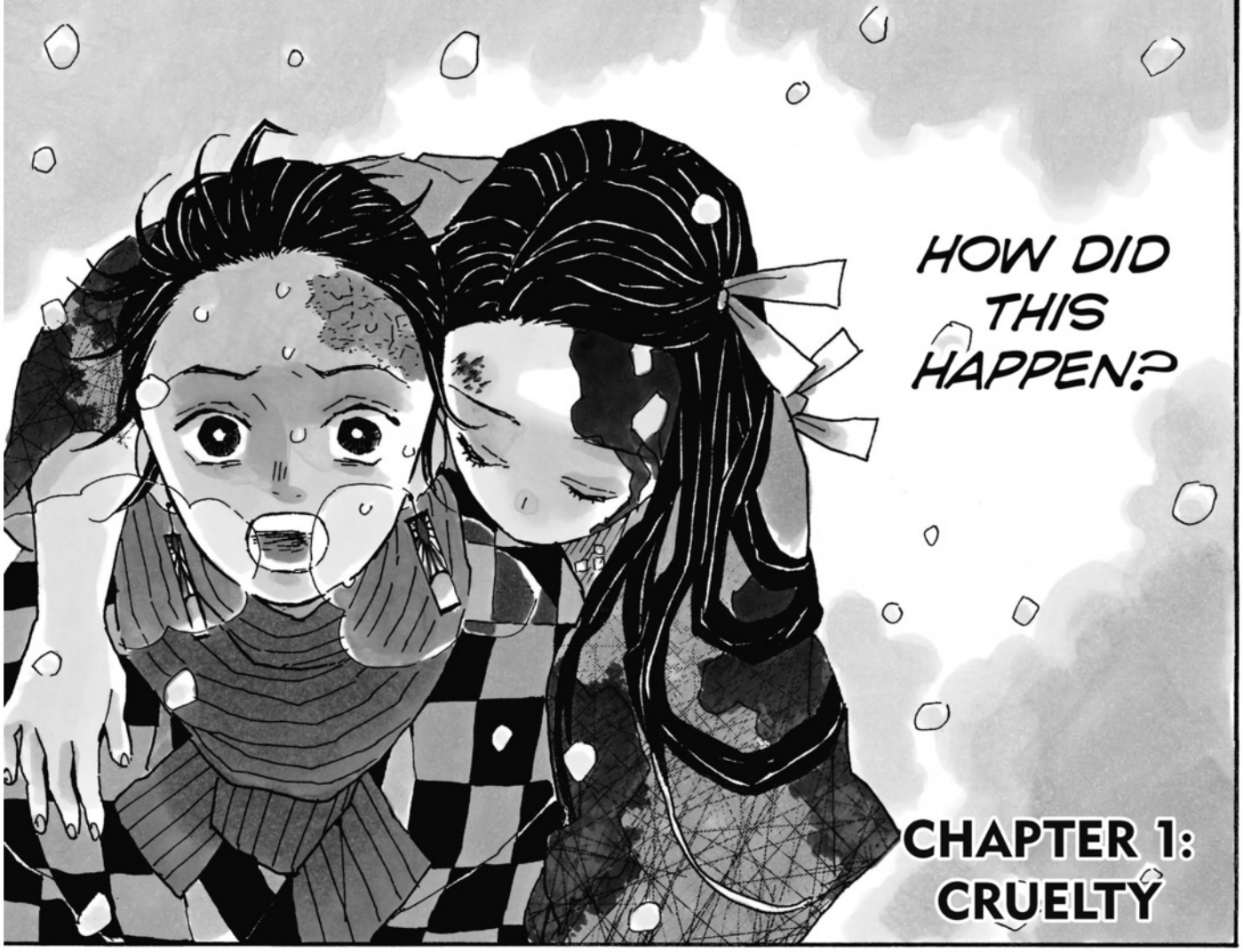
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
CHAPTER 1: CRUELTY

YOUR BIG BROTHER IS DEFINITELY GOING TO SAVE YOU!

NEZUKO ...
DON'T DIE.
DON'T DIE.

I'M GONNA SAVE YOU.
YOU CAN'T DIE.

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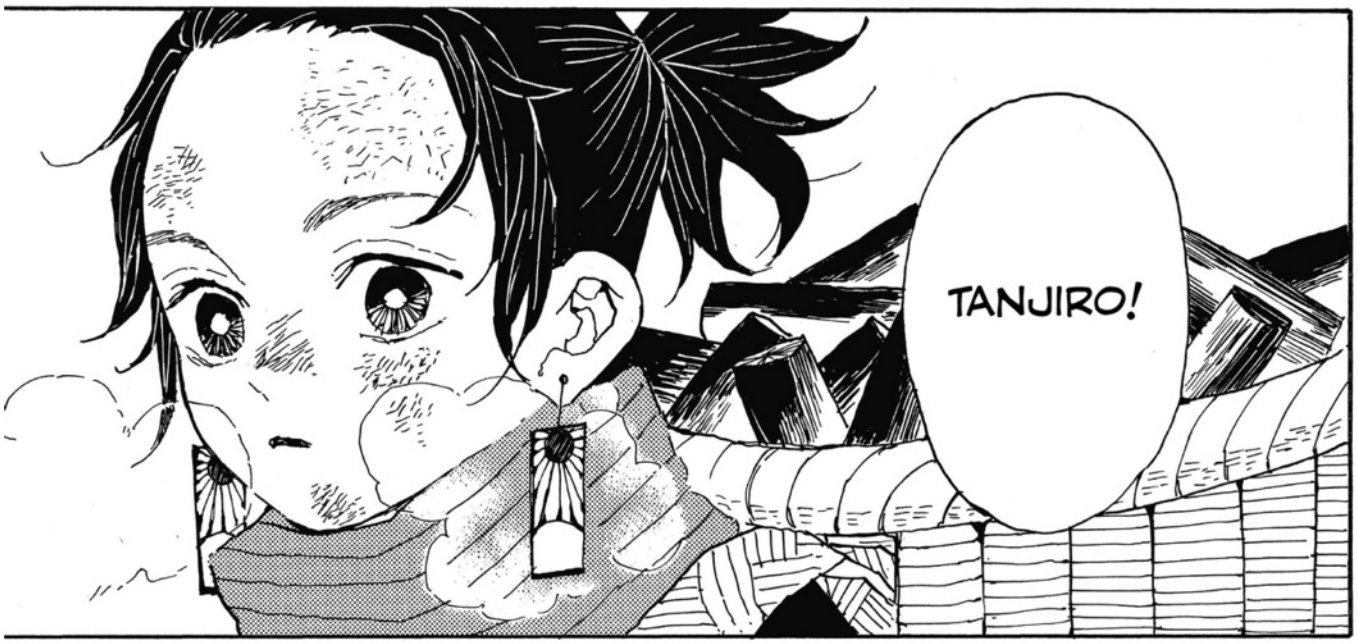
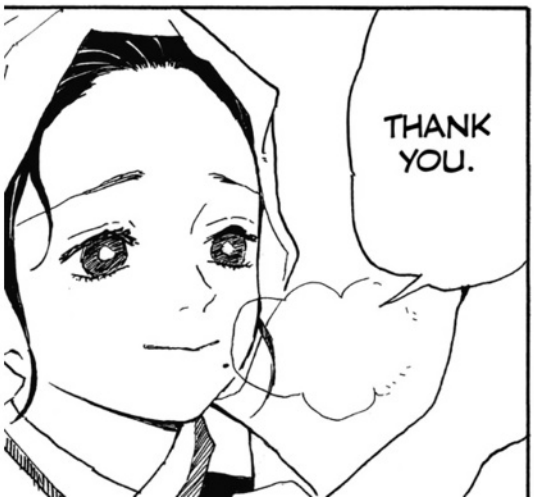

TANJIRO!

IT'S SNOWING AND IT'S DANGER-OUS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO.

YOUR FACE IS PITCH-BLACK.
COME HERE.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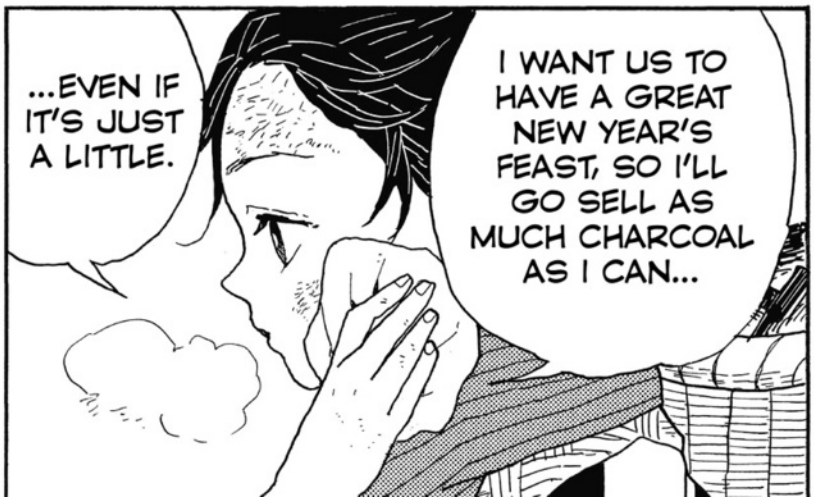
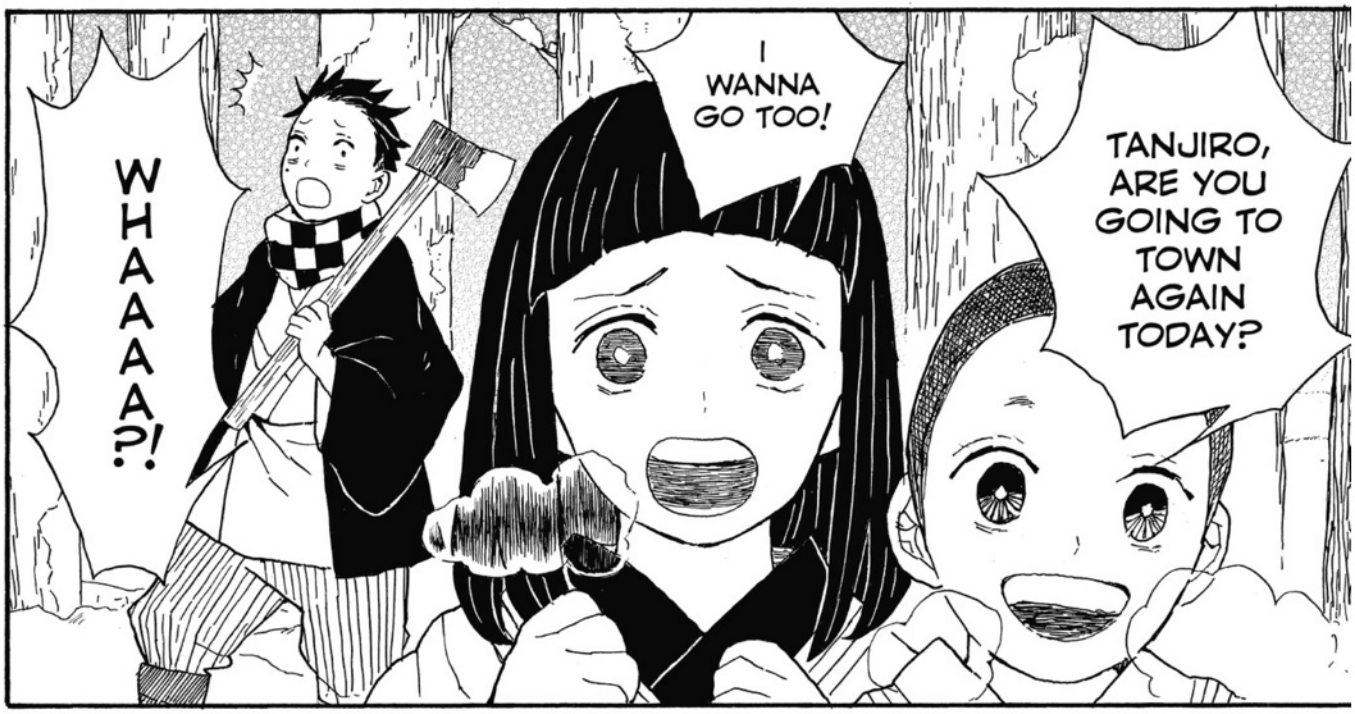
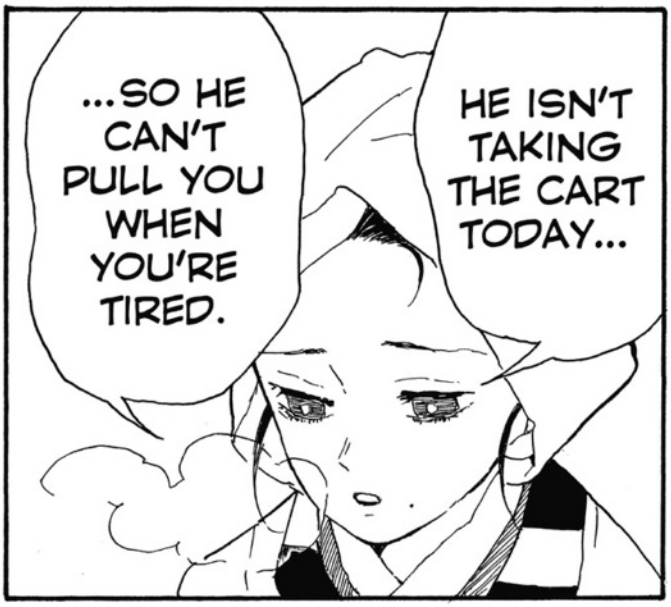
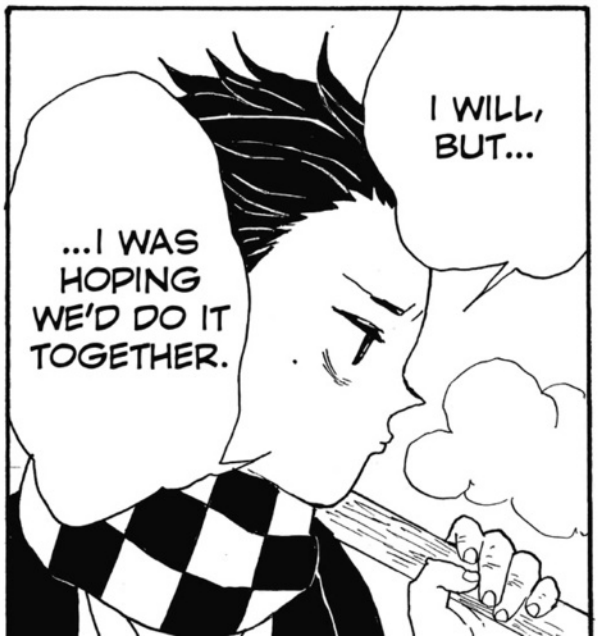

...EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE.
I WANT US TO HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR'S FEAST, SO I'LL GO SELL AS MUCH CHARCOAL AS I CAN...

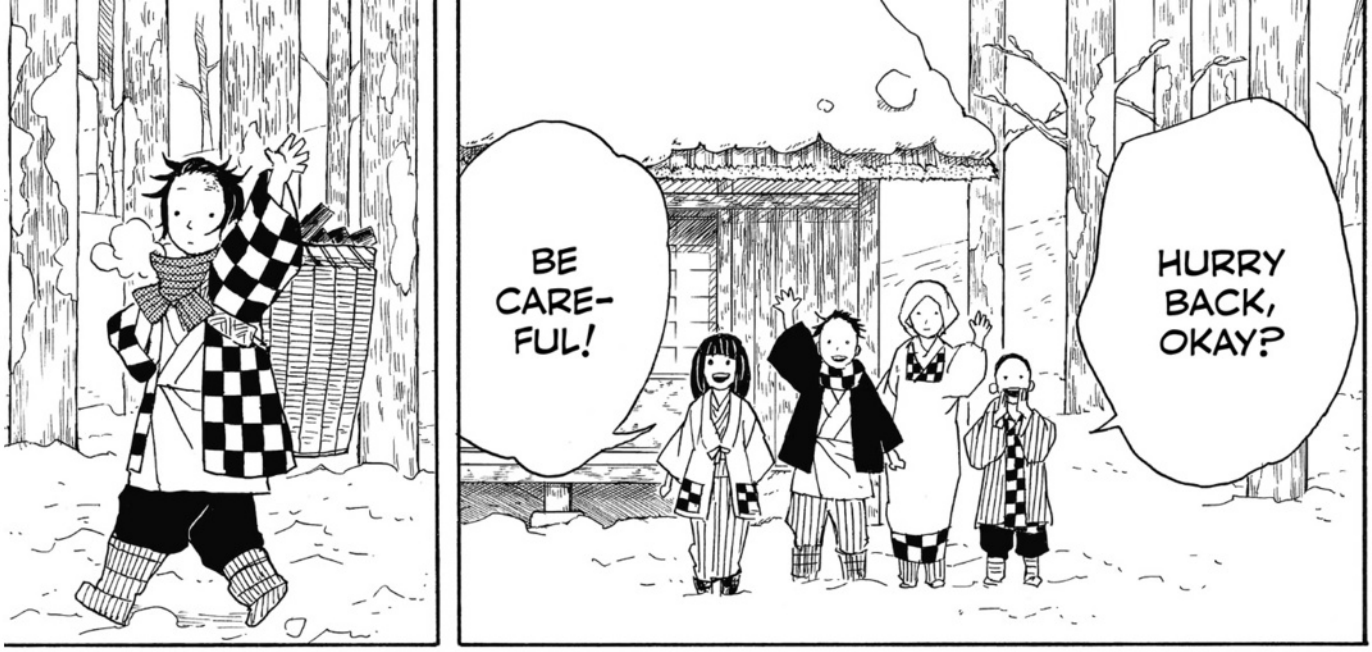

WHAAAA?!
I WANNA GO TOO!
TANJIRO, ARE YOU GOING TO TOWN AGAIN TODAY?


HE ISN'T TAKING THE CART TODAY...
...SO HE CAN'T PULL YOU WHEN YOU'RE TIRED.

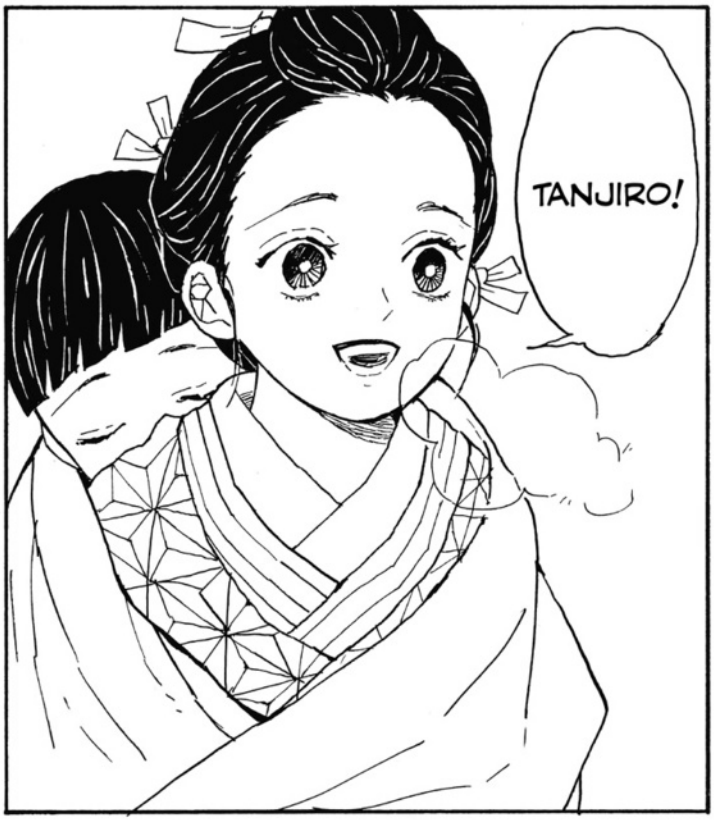
NO. YOU CAN'T WALK FAST LIKE TANJIRO.
BUT MOM!
NO.

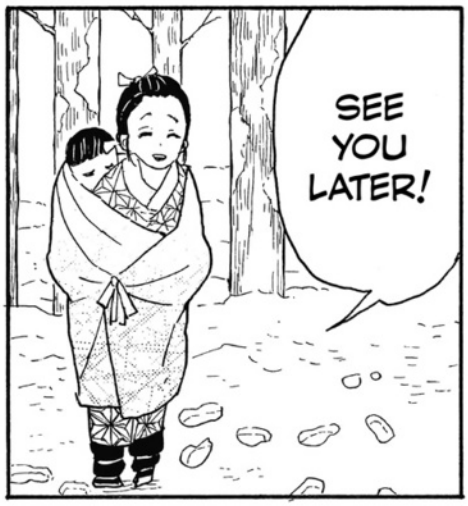

I WILL, BUT...
...I WAS HOPING WE'D DO IT TOGETHER.

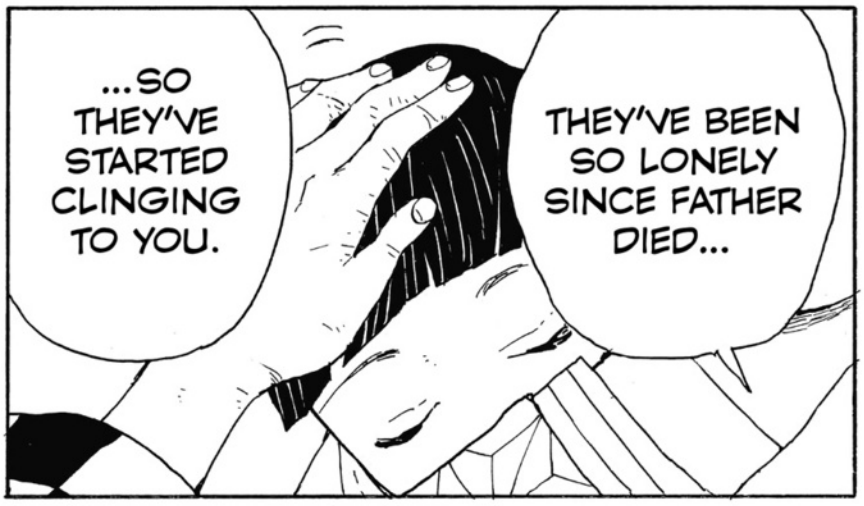
I wanna go with you!
TAKEO ...
I KNOW YOU CAN'T DO A LOT, BUT CUT A LITTLE WOOD TODAY. OKAY?


BE CARE-FUL!
HURRY BACK, OKAY?

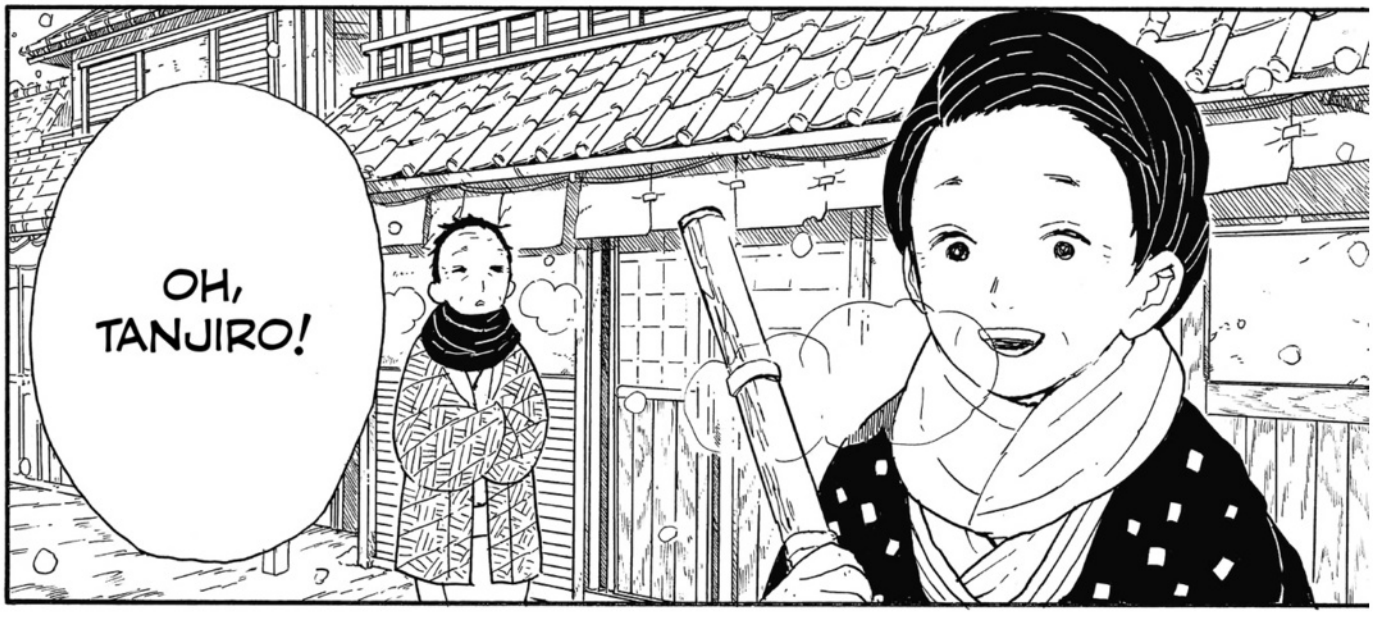
I WAS PUTTING ROKUTA TO SLEEP...
NEZUKO ...
...BUT I HEARD ALL THE COMMO-TION.


TANJIRO!

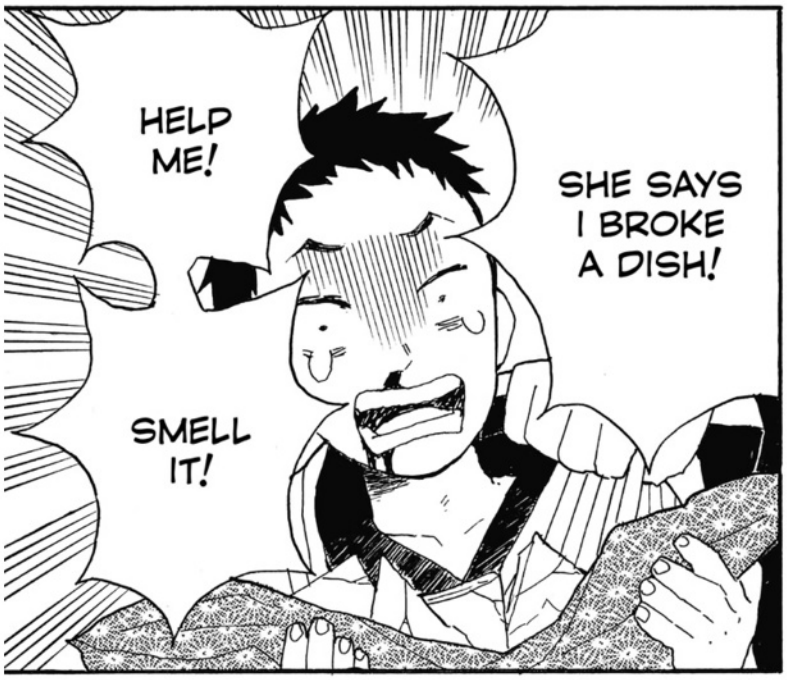

SEE YOU LATER!


...SO THEY'VE STARTED CLINGING TO YOU.
THEY'VE BEEN SO LONELY SINCE FATHER DIED...

OUR LIFE ISN'T EASY, BUT WE'RE HAPPY.
BUT LIFE IS LIKE THE WEATHER ...
IT'S ALWAYS CHANG-ING.
IT WON'T ALWAYS BE EASY...
...AND THE SNOW WON'T ALWAYS KEEP FALLING.
WHEN HAPPI-NESS ENDS THERE'S ALWAYS...
...THE SMELL OF BLOOD IN THE AIR.


OH, TANJIRO!

THANKS FOR FIXING MY SHOJI DOOR THE OTHER DAY!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
YOU CAME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ON A DAY LIKE TODAY? YOU WORK SO HARD!
GIVE ME SOME CHARCOAL TOO!
HEY! SELL ME SOME CHAR-COAL!

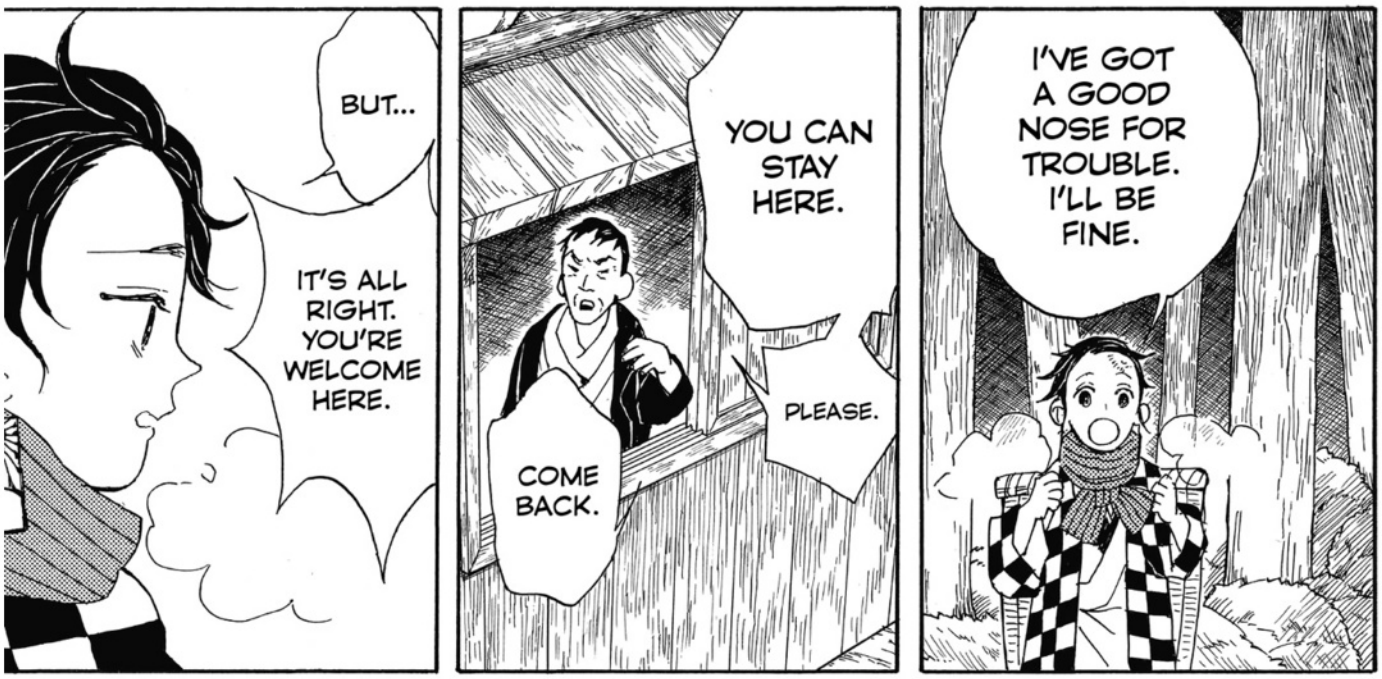

HELP ME!
SHE SAYS I BROKE A DISH!
SMELL IT!

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
AAAH! TANJIRO!

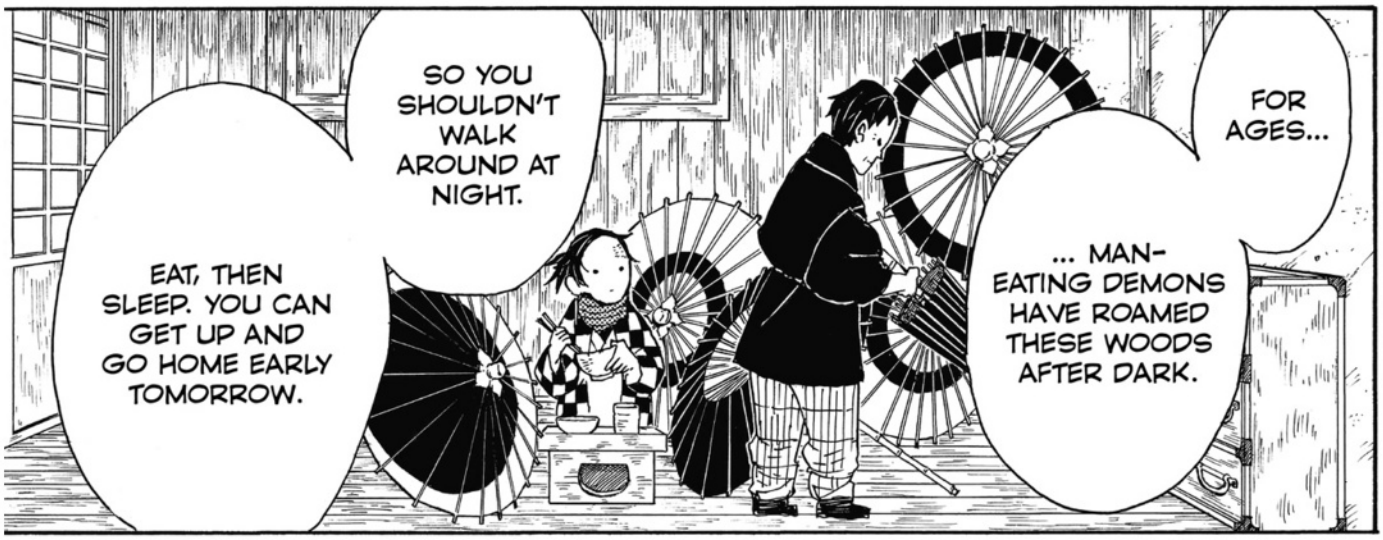
SNIFF

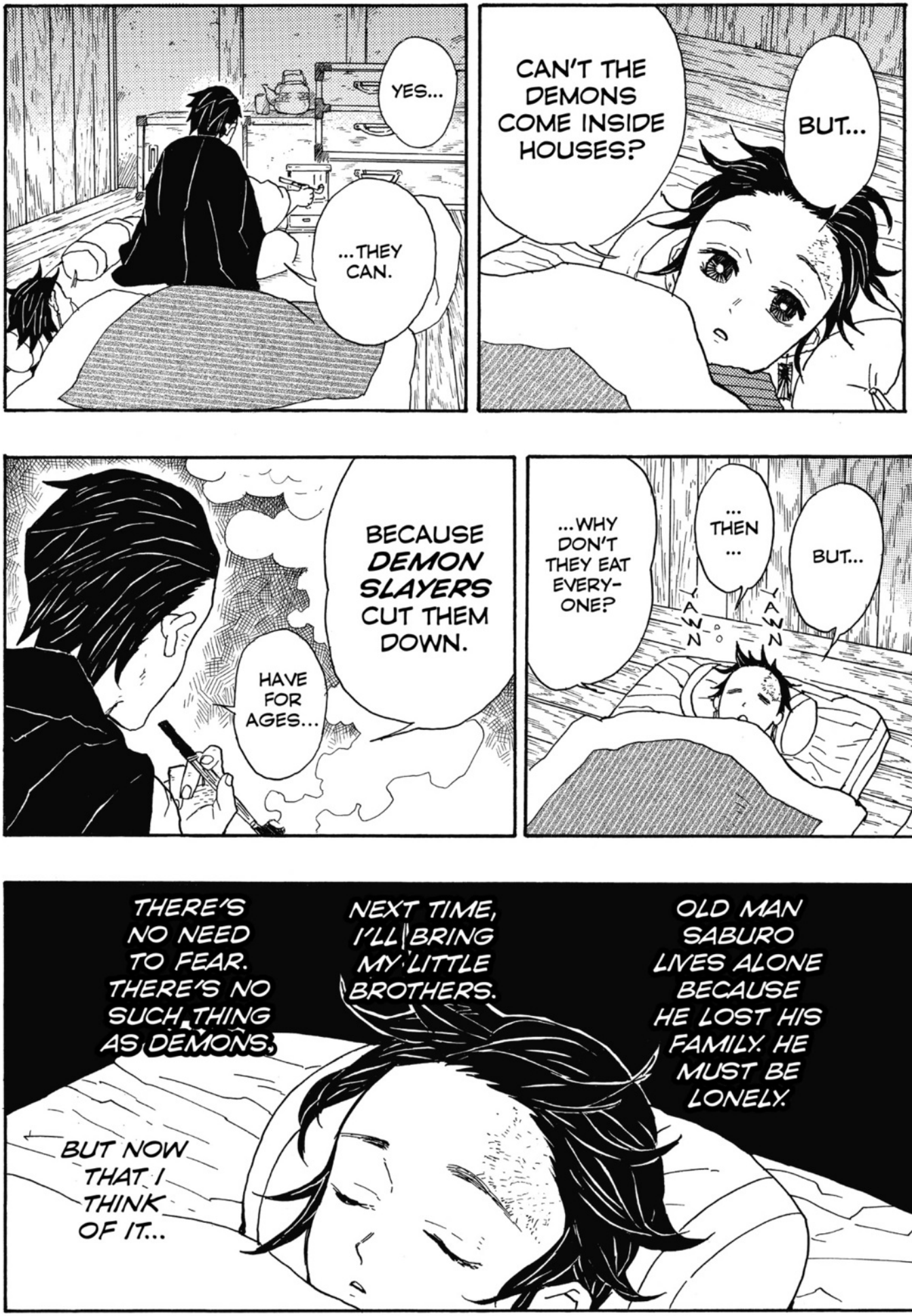
SNIFF
SNIFF

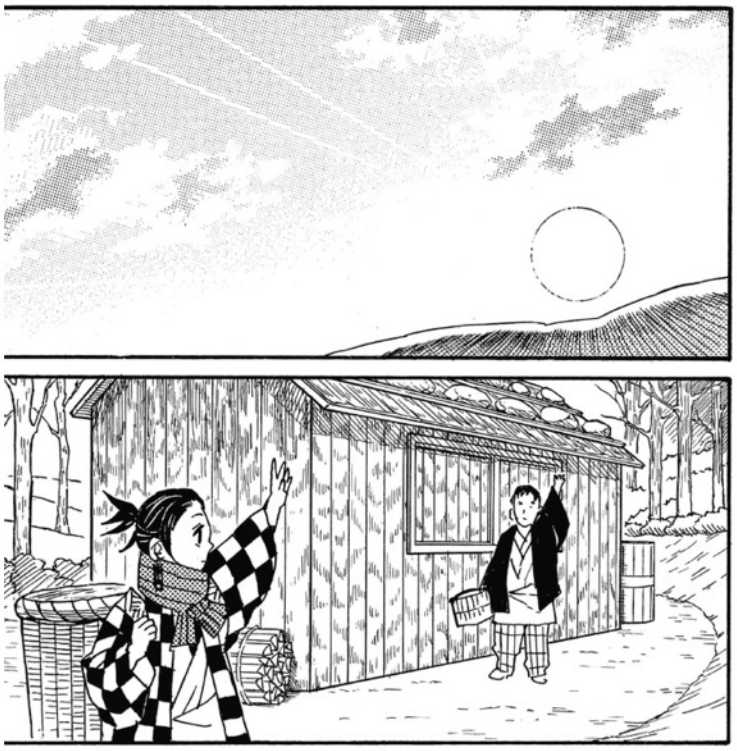
WILL YOU HELP ME CARRY SOME BUNDLES?!
TANJIRO!
I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T ME!
A CAT? OH DEAR.
I SMELL A CAT.
SEEEE ?!
WHEW! IT'S GETTING LATE!
TP TP TP TP
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
HEY, TAN-JIRO! YOU AREN'T...
...GOING BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN ARE YOU?!


I'VE GOT A GOOD NOSE FOR TROUBLE. I'LL BE FINE.
YOU CAN STAY HERE.
PLEASE.
COME BACK.
BUT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.

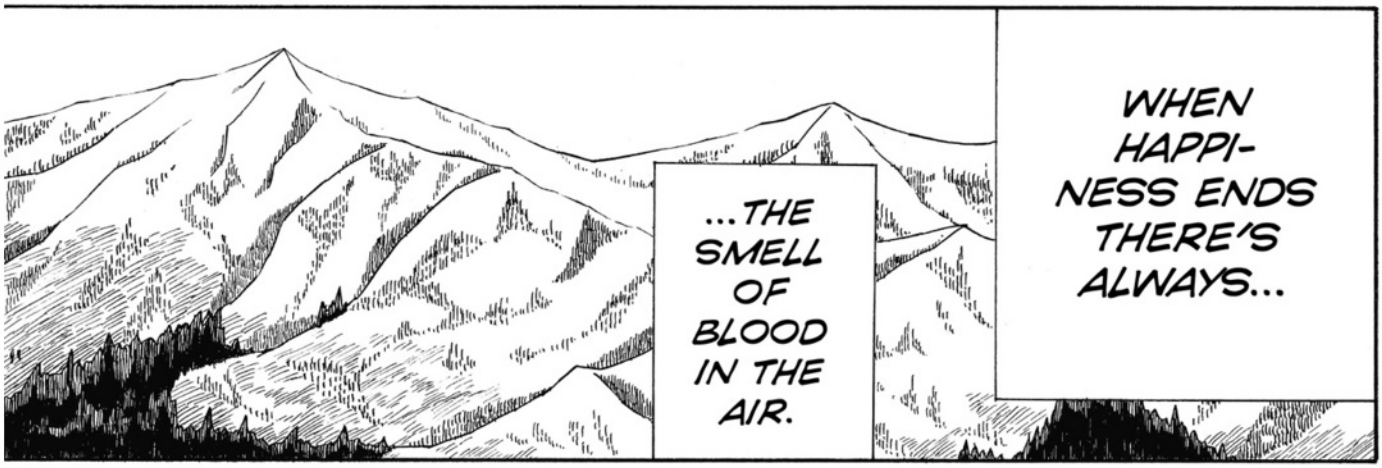
YOU DON'T WANT TO RUN INTO ANY *DEMONS*.

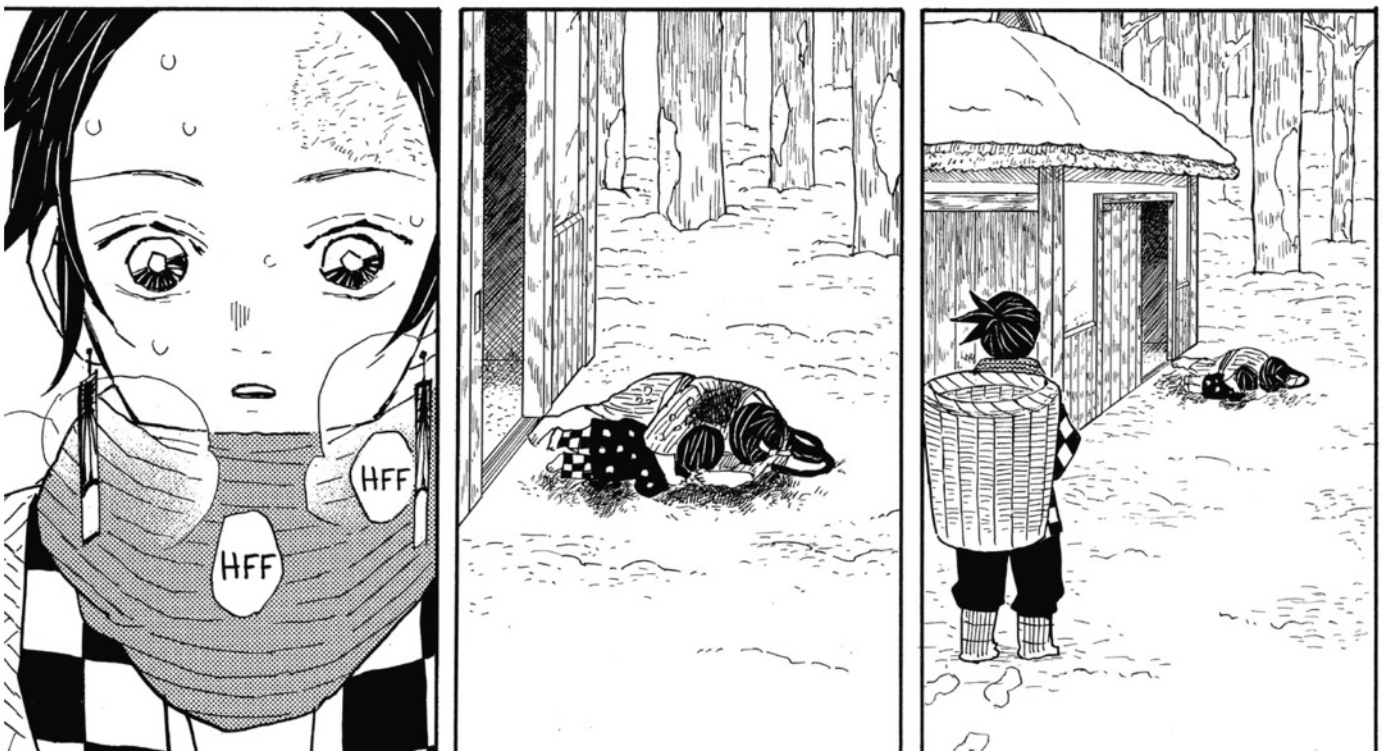

FOR AGES...
... MAN-EATING DEMONS HAVE ROAMED THESE WOODS AFTER DARK.
SO YOU SHOULDN'T WALK AROUND AT NIGHT.
EAT, THEN SLEEP. YOU CAN GET UP AND GO HOME EARLY TOMORROW.

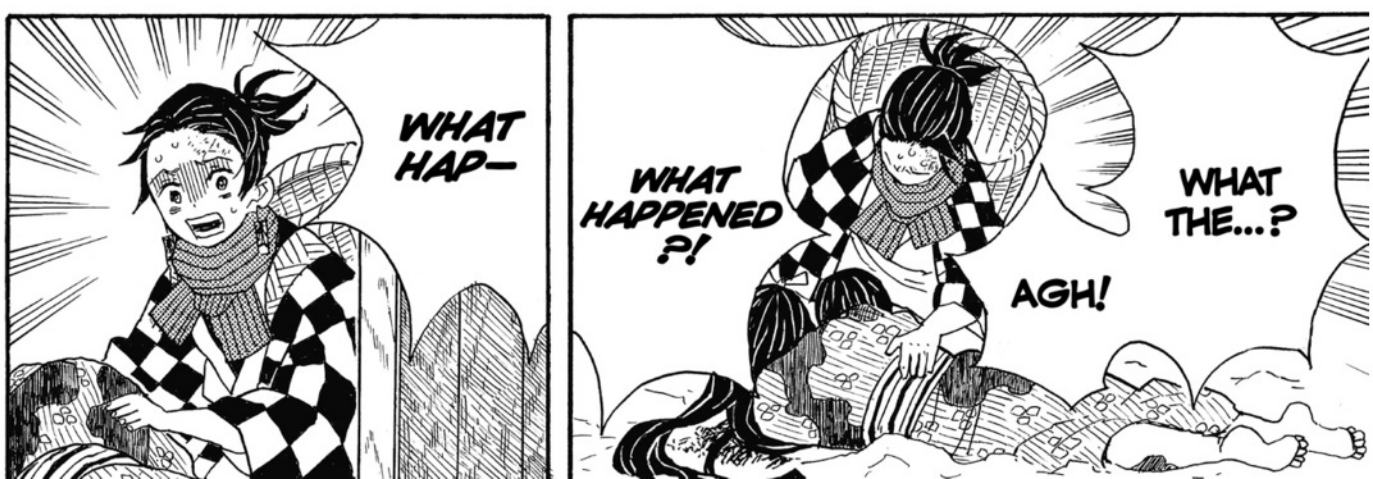

YES...
...THEY CAN.
CAN'T THE DEMONS COME INSIDE HOUSES?
BUT...
BECAUSE *DEMON SLAYERS* CUT THEM DOWN.
HAVE FOR AGES...
...WHY DON'T THEY EAT EVERY-ONE?
... THEN ...
BUT...
YAWN
YAWN
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS DEMONS.
NEXT TIME, I'LL BRING MY LITTLE BROTHERS.
OLD MAN SABURO LIVES ALONE BECAUSE HE LOST HIS FAMILY. HE MUST BE LONELY.
BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...

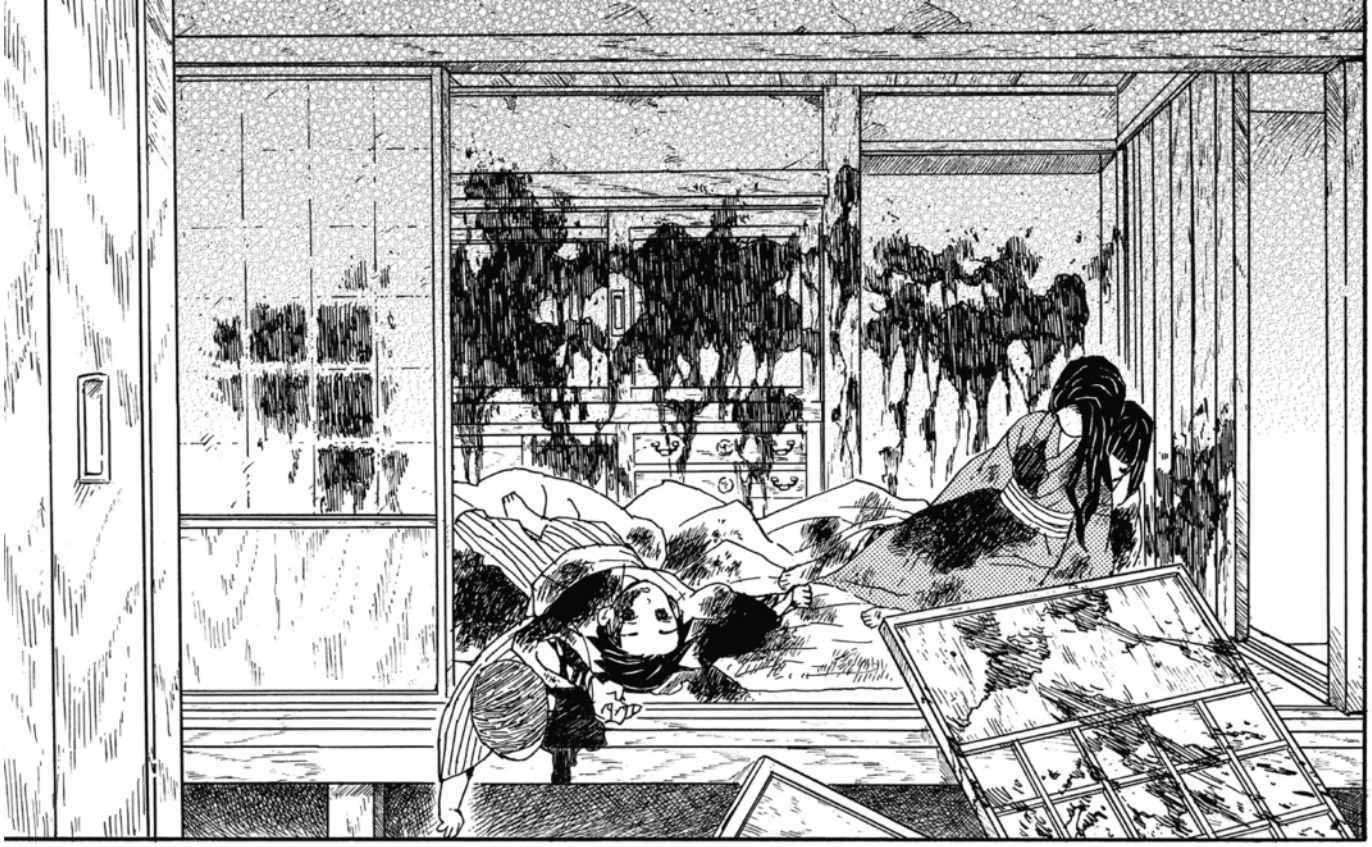


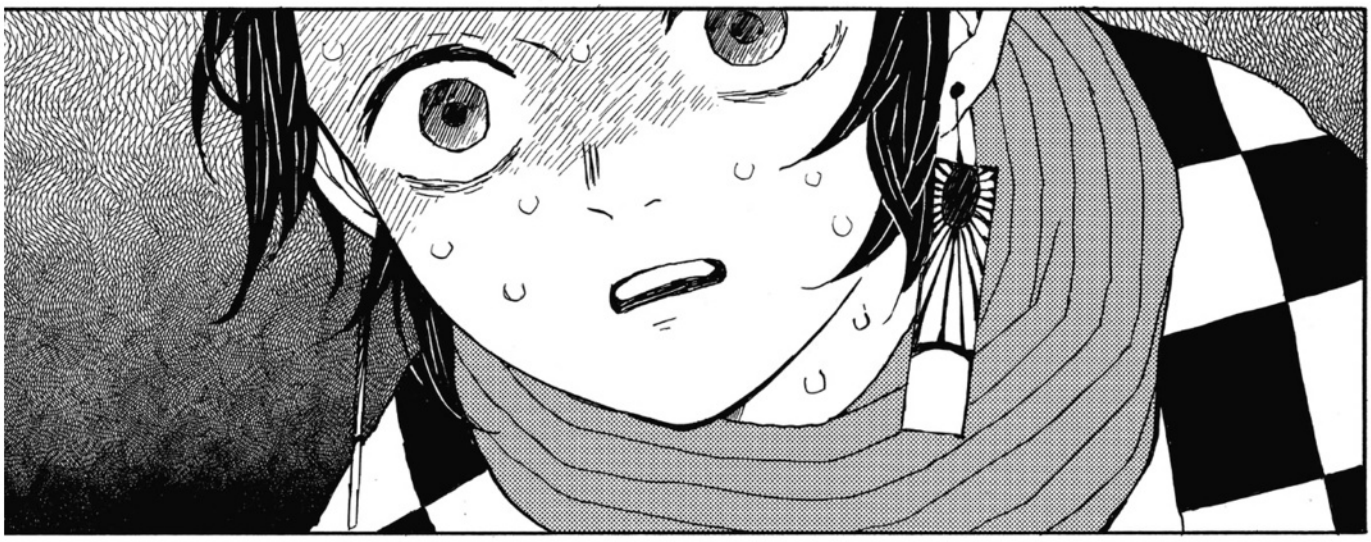
...MY GRANDMOTHER SAID THE SAME THING BEFORE SHE DIED.

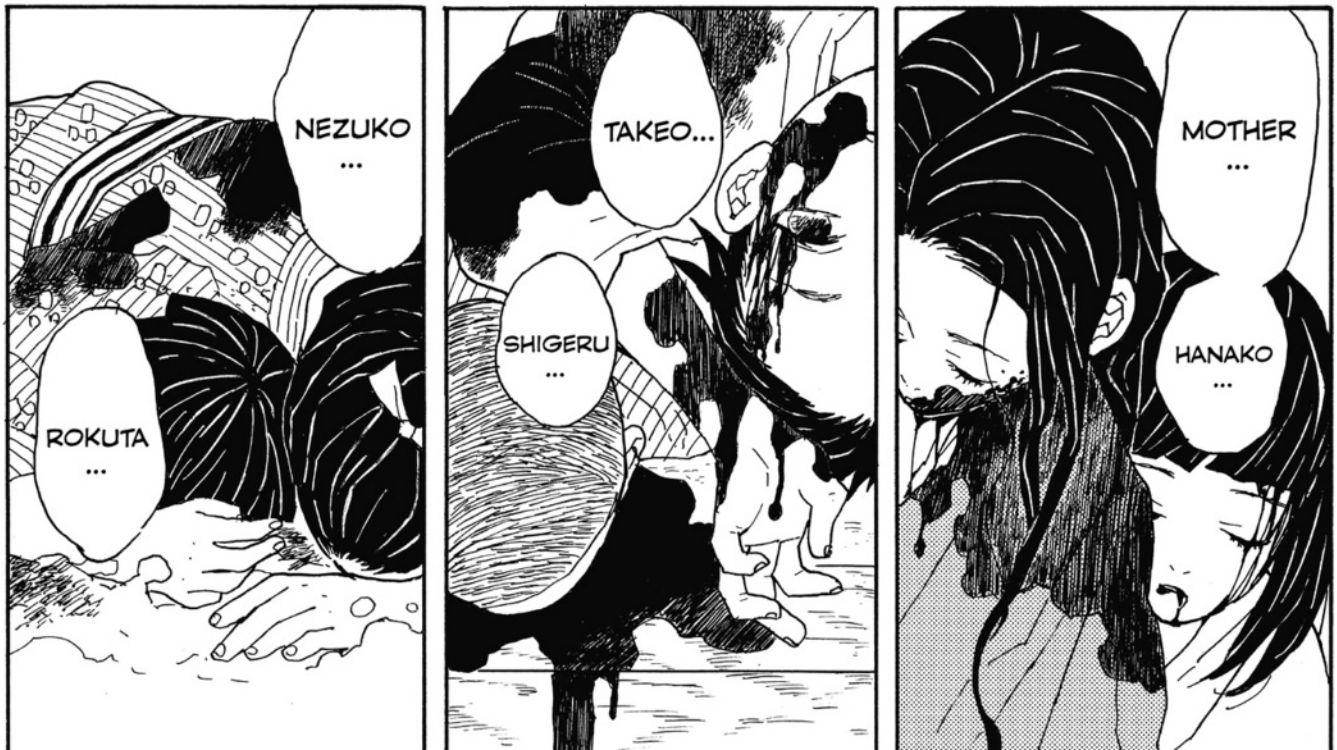





WHAT HAP—
WHAT HAPPENED?!
AGH!
WHAT THE...?






NEZUKO
...
ROKUTA
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TAKEO...
SHIGERU
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MOTHER
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HANAKO
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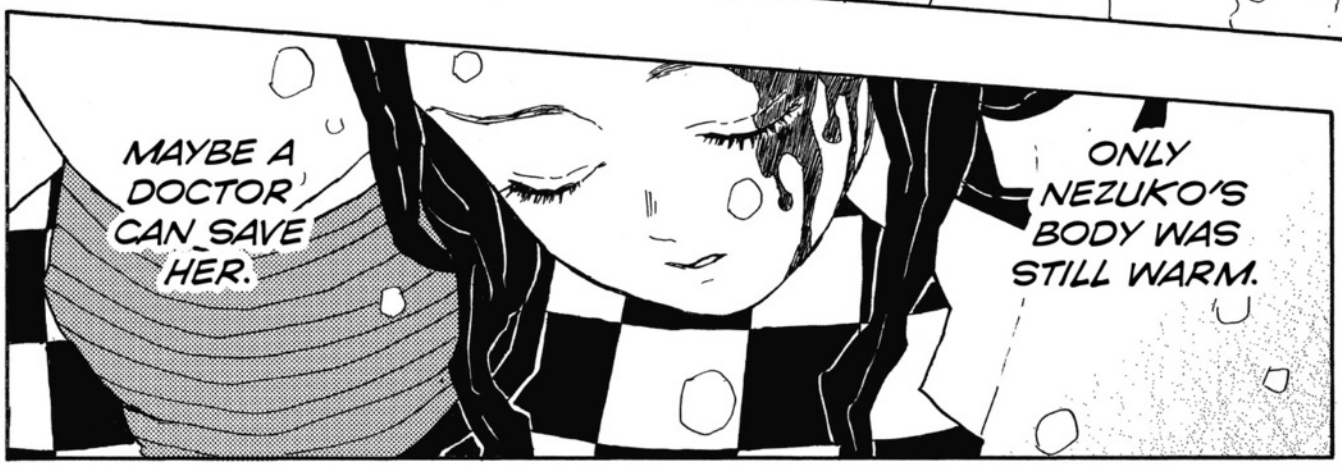
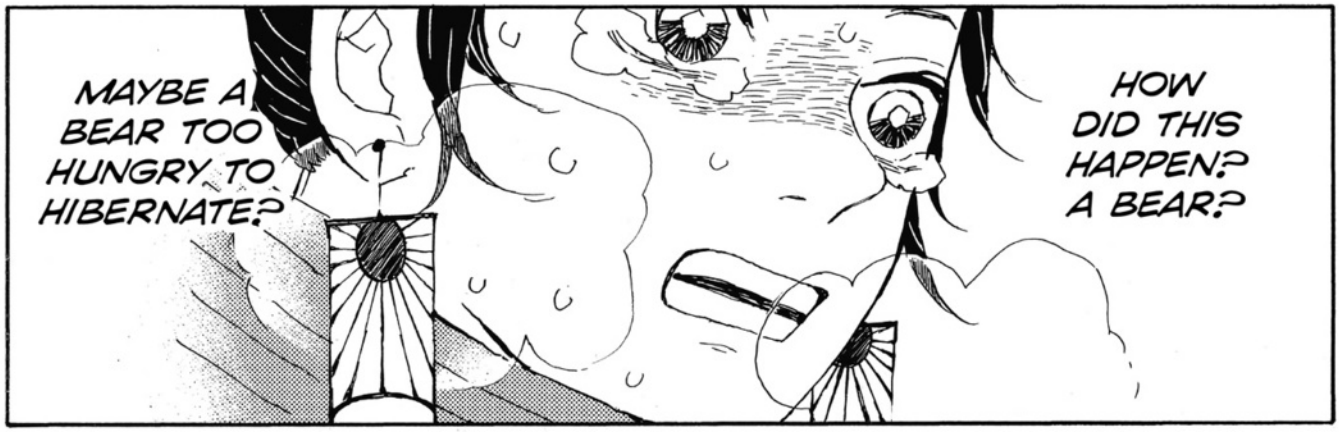

MAYBE A DOCTOR CAN SAVE HER.
ONLY NEZUKO'S BODY WAS STILL WARM.


MAYBE A BEAR TOO HUNGRY TO HIBERNATE?
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? A BEAR?